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First Look

Command change

Col. Barbara Jacobi, 65th Air Base Wing commander, will relinquish command to Col. Robert Winston at 10 a.m. May 4 outside of Fiddler's Green.

Concert

The band "Wings of Dixie" will perform two concerts. Tonight at 9:30 a.m. at the marina of Praia da Vitória, and Sunday at 9:30 p.m. at Angra's Cultural Center.

Bullfights

Sunday's bullfights will take place at 6 p.m. at Fontinhas and Aqualva and at 6:30 p.m. at Caminho da Cidade, Porto Judeu; Ribeirinha; Corpo Santo, Angra; and Rua do Biscoitinho, São Mateus.

Fun Run

The Lajes High School athletic booster club is putting on a Spring 5K Fun Run at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Chace Fitness Center. Registration is at 9 a.m. the same morning and costs \$10. The proceeds will support spring sports, European travel and the Athletic Booster club Scholarship Program. The first 80 people to register will receive a T-shirt. For more information call Senior Master Sgt. Karen Thomas at 2-2208.

Preflight

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USAFE Idol rocks the house

By Capt. Alisen Iversen
USAFE News Service

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) — Nearly 900 people from across the command attended the U.S. Air Forces in Europe first ever USAFE Idol Talent Show held here April 23.

During a standing room-only competition, Maj. Lawrence Speer, C-20 pilot with the 76th Airlift Squadron here, was named the USAFE Idol.

The overwhelming theme of the competition: USAFE has a lot of musical talent.

"The talent level is phenomenal," said Mandy Smith-Nethercott, USAFE Services chief of marketing and entertainment. "There really is so much incredible talent in our Airmen."

Eight contestants, each a finalist from their respective base-level competition, participated in workshops with the USAFE Band, Touch 'n Go, April 20 – 22 to perfect their songs and stage presence before competing on the "big" night.

"We came in (to Ramstein Air Base) for three days of workshops which was a great experience," said Tech. Sgt. James Mull, an air traffic controller from Incirlik AB, Turkey. "We worked on a lot of things, like how to make a song your own."

For the event, the finalists each sang two songs. Each performer was judged by a panel of four judges on their vocals, stage performance and whether the song difficulty was appropriate for their talent ability.

Songs covered a wide range of genres, including pop, rock, gospel and Broadway show tunes.

I really enjoyed being on stage, said finalist Senior Airman Elsie Lengyon, a personnelist assigned to Lajes Field, Azores.

"Being on stage is a rush and a lot of fun," she said. "But once (I get) on stage all the butterflies go away and then I'm able to convey my story. I like entertaining people; sharing my gift."

All of the finalists had a lot of respect for each others' talent.

"I had no expectations (of winning) because of all the amazingly talented vocalists," said Maj. Speer after winning the competition. "It was an amazing experience; everyone was great!"

The crowd enjoyed the performances too; holding up signs, cheering and applauding loudly.



Senior Airman Elsie Lengyon, 65th Mission Support Squadron, won second place in the U.S. Air Forces in Europe first ever USAFE Idol Talent Show held April 23. (Courtesy photo)

"These guys could rival any one of the contestants on American Idol," said Capt. Karen Bailey, 1st Combat Communications Squadron, who attended the event. "They could stomp them!" she added.

Overall, the series of competitions and the final show were a tremendous success and plans are in the works for it to be a yearly event, said Ms. Smith-Nethercott.

"I'm sure it will grow for future years," she said. "With the success we've had, how could we not do it again?"

The winners are:

First place: Maj. Lawrence Speer, Ramstein AB, Germany

Second place: Senior Airman Elsie Lengyon, Lajes Field, Azores

Third place: Tech. Sgt. James Mull, Incirlik AB, Turkey

Honorable mention: Master Sgt. Tony Anthony, Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland

Volunteers recognized for contributions

By Staff Sgt. Olenda Kleffner
Crossroads editor

More than 150 Lajes volunteers were recognized during the 2004 Volunteer of the Year award ceremony Wednesday at the Top of the Rock Club.

The annual ceremony is a chance for Team Lajes to recognize volunteers and show appreciation for their contributions to the community, both on and off base.

"All family members, spouses, dependents and U.S. and local national civilians are eligible for the volunteer excellence award," said Else Wingert, 65th Mission Support Group Family Support Center community readiness consultant. "It's important to remember that what the activity is isn't as important as what resulted from the activity and how the community benefited."

Ms. Wingert said volunteers who work at a variety of organizations such as the Enlisted Spouses Club, the post office and family services are just as eligible as a volunteer who dedicates all their time to one location such as the library.

"Our community greatly depends on the valuable time of volunteers," she said. "Whether it's at the post office or elementary school, all Lajes volunteers deserve an opportunity to be appreciated by the community."

Volunteers had a chance to win in one of two categories. The Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Awards were based on the total number of hours reported for the 2004 calendar year and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force Volunteer Excellence Award winners were based on the nominations scored by a board.

The winners for Outstanding Volunteer of



Col. Barbara Jacobi, 65th Air Base Wing commander, gives Ricky Baptista, 65th Services Squadron, an award for winning Portuguese employee category at the 2004 Volunteer of the Year award ceremony Wednesday at the Top of the Rock Club. (Photo by Guido Melo)

the Year Awards were: Portuguese employee category, Ricky Baptista; U.S. civilian employee category, Terra Schellig; spouse category, HeatherMichelle Green; youth category, Tanisha Moore; and active duty category, Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Peralta, 65th Com-

munications Squadron.

The winners for the Chief of Staff of the Air Force Volunteer Excellence Awards were: Anita Martinez; HeatherMichelle Green; Linda Saucedo; Terra Schellig; and Jocelyn Warner.

Focus notes

Graduates

The distinguished graduate of the April 22 Customer College Bachelors class was **Tech. Sgt. Michelle Fields**, 65th Medical Operations Squadron.

Other graduates were: **Tech. Sgt. Pamela Lawson**, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Mario Avila**, DeCA; **Tracy Assis**, 65th Contracting Squadron; **Staff Sgt. Katherine Burcar**, 65th LRS; **Staff Sgt. Tiesha Glover**, 65th MDOS; **Tiffany Zabel**, 65th Services Squadron; **Staff Sgt.**

Jason Reil, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Staff Sgt. Lafe Hernandez**, 65th Communications Squadron; **Elma Mendonca**, 65th CONS; **Isidro Nunes**, 65th Mission Support Squadron

Dorm winner

Senior Airman Jason Dawson, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, had the best dorm room for this quarter.

Combat Touch

All events are at the base chapel unless otherwise noted.

First Communion Workshop is at 5:30 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Glaros at 2-4211.

A violin concert with classical & religious classical music is at 7 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call Chaplain (Lt Col.) Michael Coggins at 2-4211.

Library contest

The USAFE bookmark design contest for children grades K-12 is ongoing through Saturday.

For more information, call the library at 2-3688.



Lajes Medics rated excellent

By Capt. Yvonne Levardi
Chief, public affairs

The 65th Medical Group received an "Excellent" overall score from a recent inspection, a first from the inspection team in more than a year.

The 10-member team from HQ Air Force Inspection Agency, Directorate of Medical Operations, performed the Health Services Inspection April 5-7.

"Most medical facilities receive a 'Satisfactory' score," said Senior Master Sgt. David Montano, 65th MDG superintendent. "There have only been a few 'Excellent' scores AF-wide."

According to Sergeant Montano, the HSI assesses how well the medical service programs and processes work at the local level and overall how well medical units fulfill their peacetime and wartime

missions, provide medical care and support the wing mission.

"HSIs are absolutely vital for us," he said. "Policy decisions made by leadership are based in large part on the data they receive from the inspection - and findings are a direct reflection of our health care capabilities."

Areas in which the 65th MDG was rated "Excellent" include medical readiness planning and oversight, deployment processing, workplace surveillance, worker protection, executive oversight and business management. The group was rated "Outstanding" for epidemiology and public health surveillance, dentistry, behavioral health, community support, and Educational and Development Intervention Services.

Additionally, the HSI team cited Staff Sgt. Jose Loureiro, 65th Medical Support Squad-

ron; Tech. Sgt. Fawne Cady, 65th Medical Operations Squadron; and Michael Coston, 65th MDG as the top three performers for the inspection.

As well as the HSI team, a two-person team from the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations visited April 7-9 and accredited the 65th MDG for three years. The JCAHO is charged with assessing medical facilities for accreditation under rigorous civilian standards.

"JCAHO teams survey and give accreditation to all of our U.S. medical treatment facilities, from your smallest hometown hospital to our largest regional medical treatment facilities and university hospitals," Sergeant Montano said. "Receiving the accreditation is extremely important, and we couldn't see patients without it."

Sergeant Montano said being accredited is a requirement, but more importantly, it means the 65th MDG is providing a standard of care consistent with every other U.S. medical treatment facility.

"That basic message - knowing our most valued resource, our people, are receiving the same standard of health care they would receive back home - is so very important," he said. "Our Medics were looked at very critically and they shined. The HSI team validated what all of us knew all along."

"We have a great facility here, and I'm extremely proud of everyone for their hard work," said Col. Fred Hannan, 65th MDG commander.

In January, the 65th MDG was rated third of all USAF medical facilities by the Air Force Surgeon General, a repeat from the previous year.



Par

Team Lajes members participated in Col. Barbara Jacobi's, 65th Air Base Wing commander, farewell golf tournament April 22. Col. Jacobi will relinquish command to Col. Robert Winston at 10 a.m. May 4 outside of Fiddler's Green. (Photo by Guido Melo)

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Moving on ...

Col. Barbara Jacobi, 65th Air Base Wing commander, will relinquish command Wednesday at Fiddler's Green



Colonel Barbara Jacobi, 65th Air Base Wing commander, is awarded the Aeronautical Medal of Merit by (right) General Manuel Jose Taveira Martins, Chief of Staff, Portuguese Air Force and his aide-de-camp Captain Manuel Franciso Bernardo Da Costa Oct. 11, 2004, here in the Headquarters, Azores Air Zone building. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Josie Kemp)

(Right) Col. Timothy Grosz, 721th Air Mobility Group commander, Col. Barbara Jacobi, 65th Air Base Wing commander, Maj. Gen. Antonio Mimoso e Carvalho, Commander, Azores Air Zone, Col. Francisco Baptista, previous Air Base No. 4 commander and contractor Miguel Toste, officially opened the new passenger terminal during a ceremony held Oct. 8, 2004.



(Below) Col. Barbara Jacobi, 65th Air Base Wing commander, talks to Team Lajes members at a wing commander's call Jan. 28, 2004, at the base theater. Col. Jacobi reviewed 2003 and discussed a number of upcoming projects for 2004. She also talked about the wing's combat and special interest programs, safety and other issues. (Photos by Guido Melo)





Col. Barbara Jacobi, 65th Air Base Wing commander, gives Ambassador John Palmer, U.S. Ambassador to Portugal, an ABW cap. He visited Lajes Sept. 10, 2004. This was the ambassador's first visit to Lajes and he was impressed by what he saw. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Michelle Michaud)

Helio Costa, 65th Comptroller Flight, accepts a commemorative plaque Wednesday from Col. Barbara Jacobi, 65th Air Base Wing commander, as Sr. Costa's wife, Lorena, watches. Sr. Costa has worked at Lajes for 50 years. He started his service as a clerk with what is now the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron. The construction of Upper-T housing (now torn down) had just begun and the sub-unified command U.S. Forces Azores was being created. He eventually moved to the finance office, where officials say he has paid out more than 600 million Euros and escudos during his tenure. (Photo by Guido Melo)



Joan Wilson, military family housing manager watches as Col. Barbara Jacobi, 65th Air Base Wing commander, hands a key to a renovated Beira Mar house to Staff Sgt. Doug Lamica, 65th Operations Support Squadron March 2, 2004. Lamica received the first home following completion of a \$1.1 million upgrade to 64 two-bedroom housing units. The renovations included new kitchen cabinets, granite kitchen counter tops, ceramic floor tiles and a bathroom upgrade. (Photo by Guido Melo)



Earth Week 2005



(Above) Master Sgt. Rich Patton, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, helps Capt. Carol West, 65th Medical Operations Squadron, out of the water in Praia.. Members of the Aqua Knights of Atlantis Dive Club did a clean-up dive in Praia Bay Saturday. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Michelle Michaud)

(Left) Avelino Ormonde, nutritionist and an organic food producer, teaches an organic food workshop at the Family Support Center. Mr. Ormonde presented the benefits and major impacts of natural products. Everyone who attended received a recycled apron. (Photo by Guido Melo)



(Above) Yvonne Tucker, water waste treatment plant chief operator, explains to fourth graders from Lajes Elementary School how they clean the water April 19 during a field trip to the recycling center and waste-water treatment plant on base. (Right) Shelley Satterlee, 65th Medical Operations Squadron, looks at the variety of different plants during the plant fair at the family support center April 21. (Photos by Guido Melo)





Thank you Team Lajes

By Col. Barbara Jacobi
65th Air Base Wing Commander

They say all good things must come to an end, and for me that's about to happen. These past two years at Lajes Field will be years on which I'll look back with great nostalgia.

The breathtaking beauty of the Azores, the warm friendliness of the Portuguese and Azorean people, the festive laid-back lifestyle on the island of Terceira, the rich culture and history of the archipelago, and the unquenchable spirit of Team Lajes will remain in my heart wherever I go.

Team Lajes, thanks for everything you've done to support me as wing commander and for the world-class service and support you all contributed to our mission and the Global War on Terrorism. To our Airmen, thanks for being such gracious tenants in an overseas location; you truly are ambassadors in blue for the U.S. Air Force.

I've never worked with such an awesome team with such spirit, enthusiasm and professionalism. The local nationals and our Portuguese hosts, whether it was the highest ranking official or a local taxi driver - each one of them has been most gracious; they've opened their arms to us and made me feel welcome. I've developed a lot of friendships here and I hope to come back to visit the Azores in the future.

I can't say enough about how important the local nationals have been in the daily operations at Lajes Field. I truly appreciate all the hard work they do now and have done in the past. I had the opportunity to present Senhor Helio Costa, 65th Comptroller Squadron, with a 50-year pin while I was here; a true testament to the expertise and continuity from the local nationals who've helped make us the world-class organization we've become.

How well we accomplish our mission also greatly depends on the strong relationship we have with our Portuguese hosts. This truly is a team effort; we couldn't do it without them or the use of Air Base No. 4. I thank them for their most gracious hospitality.

During our time here, we've tried to show our gratitude by making the base shine. We've done many things to leave the facilities we use better than when we arrived. Continual improvement is how the Air Force operates and during my two years here there's been a lot of continuous improvement, whether it be the joint construction project at the main entrance, improvements to the security lighting and fencing, improvements to the flight line and the breakwater, improvements to buildings and structures on base and in military housing, or to the grounds in general.

I'm so pleased with the pride Team Lajes has shown here. The renovations to the dining facility, the Top of the Rock Club, Bldg. T-100, the development of the wing readiness center, the self-help projects as in the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron complex ... I

could go on an on. These are outward expressions of the 100 percent effort you've dedicated to everything you do. Of course the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron took the lead in most of these projects, but they haven't done it alone; it's everybody pulling together as a team to improve the areas in which they work. The fitness center is a prime example. They're undergoing a major renovation and the 65th Services Squadron has put forth a huge effort to take the base skating rink and make it an alternate annex. There has been a lot of initiative and out-of-the-box thinking by everyone, so it's made my job very easy - and consequently the base looks great! Truthfully, our base looks better than any base I've ever been to in the Air Force.

The question "What are your greatest experiences?" is always asked at the end of a tour, and there are always so many, but to me the day-to-day pride stands out as my number one. That was really brought home when we had our Combat Proud inspection and you all formed the corridor of pride for Brig. Gen. Rusty Findley and his team ... to walk by his side and feel your pride, that was awesome!

As the 65th Air Base Wing commander, I've been able to represent that Team Lajes pride to many distinguished visitors and greet some of the highest dignitaries we have, like the Secretary of State Colin Powell, the U.S. Ambassador to Portugal John Palmer and the Commander of U.S. Central Command Gen. John Abizaid.

I've also had the opportunity to represent the wing to some of Portugal's and the Azores' highest dignitaries, like the President of Portugal Jorge Sampaio and the President of the Azores Carlos César. The Portuguese have always made me feel very special and it's been a great experience to represent such a fine group of folks to everyone I've met.

Team Lajes, keep doing what you're doing! I know you'll support Col. Robert Winston with the same awesome support you've given me. Although I'm sure you'll work just as hard, don't forget to take the time to appreciate where you are and the experiences and friendships you can gain from being here.

After enduring such a hard Terceiran winter, get out and enjoy all the Azores has to offer. If you do, you'll always be able to reflect back on the beauty of the Azores. That's probably what I'll be doing at my next assignment in Washington D.C. when I'm stuck in traffic. I'll travel back to the Azores in my mind and think of the gorgeous ocean views, the clean fresh air and the good times I had here. I'll remember I had no lines to wait in at the pharmacy or that I didn't have to wait three times to go through a stop light. There were no traffic jams, but I'll smile when I think about the cow jams.

And I'll remember the great Airmen. To our senior NCOs, who I saw doing something for the team, for our Air Force and for our people every single day, thank you. You've really led the way when it comes to showing

our Airmen that the Air Force is a family. You embody the whole person concept that makes us different than any other organization in the world. Whether working a car wash or setting up a recognition ceremony, you do it in style and the results are always first-class.

To our unsung heroes, the First Sergeants out there making it happen, working hard behind the scenes and making sure all our people are taken care of, thank you. You never get enough credit. So much of what you do deals with the unpleasantness of day-to-day business, but you're taking care of the Air Force's greatest and most valuable asset.

To the awesome squadron commanders who have done such a great job, you come here generally never having commanded before and in two years come out a polished, seasoned commander. Thank you. It's always a great thing to get to watch you come into your own.

To the CGOs here who've been professional all the way, doing great things and having fun, thank you. You make the best of your small numbers here and have the right attitude for the Air Force. It's been fun to watch you pull together and help each other out. I'm always impressed; you surprise me to no end with your capabilities.

To our NCOs and Airmen who've convinced me we're only getting the best of the best, thank you. Truthfully, you are the backbone of the Air Force; we work you hard, but try to take good care of you too with good facilities and programs. I see great potential in every one of you. Take an opportunity to step back and reflect on where you've been, where you are now and where you want to be. As young professionals, set goals and keep striving until you achieve them.

To the U.S. civilians and family members who play a large part in what the Air Force does here or anywhere else, thank you for a job well done. You've given up the comforts of home and your extended families to be here with us. Your contributions are felt and appreciated, and the volunteer hours you donate are priceless.

And I couldn't have done this job without a great front line. I've had two awesome vice commanders and command chiefs, and three awesome group commanders. My executive officers have all been outstanding, and I've had an incredible front office staff that made sure I knew what I was doing on a day-to-day basis. Not only have they helped me, but I know they've helped the entire wing succeed by putting forth a great team effort. It's that team spirit that makes our AF great, that wingman concept that makes us a family.

I'm looking forward to my new assignment at the Pentagon as the Director of Protocol for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Myers, but I'll definitely miss Team Lajes and the camaraderie.

Good luck to everyone at Lajes in your careers and in your personal lives. Thanks for the memories and the great support - I'm proud to say I was a part of Team Lajes!

Street bullfights begin Sunday

The street bullfight season on Terceira Island begins Sunday and will continue through Oct. 15.

This type of bullfighting is a very old local tradition. Though its exact origin is unknown, some historians believe it began with the tournaments and jousts noblemen held during special occasions.

Street bullfights have become a well-liked cultural event and an important part of the summer festivals around the island. It's still an event that manages to attract hundreds, sometimes thousands of people to a single village.

The bulls, usually four, are transported in boxes from ranches in the center of the island to the village where the bullfights will be held. A motorcade of villagers who travel to the ranch to observe the selection of the bulls usually precedes the truck carrying the bulls.

When it's time for the bullfight to begin, usually at 6 or 6:30 p.m., a blast that sounds like fireworks lets everybody know that it's time for the first bull to be released and warns those who don't want to play bullfighter that they should look for a safe place behind wooden barriers, high walls or balconies along the streets where the bullfight is to be held.

After the bull is released, eight men dressed in white shirts and grey pants - known as "pastores" - control the distance the bull can travel by holding on to a rope attached to his neck as he pursues those who dare to harass him or stand in his way.

After the men in the crowd provoke the bull for about 30 minutes, the rope handlers pull the bull back into his box for a well-deserved rest - both for the bull and the men. Two blasts are then used to let everybody know it's safe to walk or drive down the street again, but only for about 10 minutes, which is how long it takes the pastores to place the rope around the next bull's neck. This routine continues until all four bulls are released into the street and the bullfight ends.

The street bullfights also feature another old tradition related with the island's culture and gastronomic tradition, which are the food stands called "tascas." In these portable stands people can find some of the island's best-known local wine, beer, sodas, as well as seafood and pork sandwiches called "bifanas."

I highly encourage all Americans to witness a street bullfight while they are stationed at Lajes Field,



it is also **important to remember that U.S. military members, civilians and family members are prohibited from actively participating in any type of bullfighting on the island. This includes people here on temporary duty status or just passing through.**

It is certainly a tradition worth seeing, but not without keeping safety in mind. Bullfights can be dangerous if spectators don't take proper precautions. Always make sure to watch the bullfights from a safe place — a high place at least five or six feet from the ground.

Every year a few careless spectators and participants are gored or hit by the bulls, or burned by the rope, and end up in the hospital with serious injuries. There have even been some fatalities in the past because people misjudged the bulls.

To better your chances of finding a safe place from which to view street bullfights it is good to arrive early. More importantly, be careful and use common sense while the bullfights are ongoing.

Sunday's bullfights will take place at 6 p.m. at Fontinhas and Agulava and at 6:30 p.m. at Caminho da Cidade, Porto Judeu; Ribeirinha; Corpo Santo, Angra; and Rua do Biscoitinho, São Mateus.

To find out more about the bullfight schedule, call the Public Affairs Office at 2-3413.



Everyday Hero

**Tech. Sgt.
Pamela Lawson**

65th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Duty title: NCOIC, Customer Service Vehicle Maintenance

Job description: Vehicle mechanic, in-check and out-check every vehicle and perform mobile maintenance

Time in the Air Force: 10 years, six months

Time at Lajes: Four months

Family: My mom and two lovely cats

What's the best aspect of your job:

Being able to repair vehicles, even the most difficult of repairs

What are your career goals: Stay in the Air Force 26 to 30 years, make chief master sergeant and retire at 56 years old

Best Air Force experience: Teaching technical school to new enlistees and some Egyptian officers

Life goal: Finding happiness in all that I do in my personal life and my career

Hometown: Reading, Penn.

One word to describe you: Kindhearted

Hobbies: Swimming, roller skating, dancing, cooking/baking, horseback riding

Favorite food: Spaghetti with sweet Italian sausage

Favorite color: Purple

Pet peeve: People who make poor choices about standards, morals and values

No one knows I: Enjoy laughing and being silly

When I was growing up, I wanted to be: A veterinarian

If I could have only one kind of food, it would be: Carrabbas Italian Grill

The first thing I would do if I won a \$1,000,000 is: Buy a house on the beach in Hawaii, retire, travel around the world and help others

Month of the Military Child

We love, thank you

Gabe and Ansley: Thanks for being such perfect kids and always having a hug waiting just around the corner for your mom and me!

Our child is special because he brings us great joy. Imani, we're so proud of you; and love you very much!!! Love, Mom and Dad

Hey Kyle!! Thanks for helping out so much! We are proud of you! Love, Mom & Dad (Jodi & Mark Hopkins)

Hi Andi!! You bring a whole lot of sunshine into our lives! We love you, Mom & Dad (Jodi & Mark Hopkins)

To the greatest kids: Courtney and Chelsea. Hope you enjoyed being on the island and are ready for more new adventures ahead. Love, mom and dad

Devon and Meghan, two of the best children a parent could hope for. My pride in you both is only surpassed by my love. Dad

To our dearest Emerald Dawn, jewel of our lives, giving us smiles and joy every day, you are our reason to live. Love, Mom and Dad.

*Malcolm Jr. and Shamar Moore from mom (Staff Sgt. Keisha Moore)
I love you and am very happy to have the best big brothers in the world.*

Alissa, thanks for being my creative, smart and beautiful daughter. There aren't enough words to describe what you mean to me. I love you, Mom

Dillon, you are my little monkey, so funny and cute all the time. You are my sunshine. I love you bunches Little Man, Mommy

Toby Crowley, you are the best kid in the whole world. Mommy and daddy are so proud of you and we love you so much!

Alisha & Michelle I can't believe you are turning into such fine young women right before my eyes. I love you very much always Dad

To Joseph and Benjamin Paddock, Every day with you is an adventure, every smile a reward and every memory we make together will stay in my heart forever.

From Mummy (Tamsin Paddock)

Jessica & Ryan: You make us proud every day, you make us happy in many ways, we're lucky to have two kids like you! Love Mom & Dad

Our Children, Our reflection, happiness, pride and hope. Our greatest legacy, through their eyes we can see all of our hopes accomplished and fears erased. (Melissa & Dave Montano)

My son Darrion is special because his presence warms my heart and his smile melts my soul. Love, Mommy & Daddy (Zeran & Eddie)

Devon & Kaitlin: Thanks for being open to discovering new and diverse places through our military lifestyle. We Love You! David & Kristina Galbraith

A.J., Tarius and Oksanna: I love each and every one of you very much! Thank you for your patients as we prepare to head off to our next base.

To the greatest kids on earth, Michelle and Hagen: We love you with all our hearts, and are proud of you! Love, Mom and Dad

Kathryn Sierra-Your smiles, hugs, kisses and love brightens our lives. We Love You! Love Mommy and Daddy (Mark and Sebina Oren)

Lucas, Kenny and Mickey, We love you eternally, unconditionally and are proud of you more each day. You all are the best! Mom and Dad

*Our Jasmine - boo!
Thanks for making our days fun, our house loud and sleeping through the night. Love, Mommy and Papa*

Kayla, mommy and daddy are so proud of you. You are the sunshine in our lives. We love you very much. (Casey and Gabi Carter)

To Kelly and Kerry ~ You're the best kids that anyone could ask for. Thanks for making us proud. You're such a blessing! Mom & Dad

Morgan James Willis - way to go Big One! You are a very special child, no doubt about it. Thanks for being ours! Mammason & Dadin.

Madison and Avery Summey, Thank you for being such precious daughters. You are both angels to all of us. Love Mommy, Daddy and baby Ayden.

To our very special daughter Jackie: Your mother and I love you very much! Hold your head high, keep the faith, and god bless you!

John, every morning we wake knowing you will do something to brighten our day. Just seeing your smile makes us happy! Love ya! Avani and Mommy!

Tylir—you're the coolest kid on earth! Your brilliant mind and loving ways light up our lives. You're going to be the best Big Brother! XOXO, Mamason and Papason (Fawne & Eric Cady)

Baby to be: Only four more months of kicking to go ... so make it count. We can't wait to hold you in our arms. Love, Mom, Dad and your Big Bro (Fawne, Eric, Tylir)

Victoria and Trey Kleffner, There are not enough words in the universe to describe the love I have for you two. Thank you for all the joy you bring me. Love Always, Mommy

Tori and Trey, You two sure have been a big pain in my booty, but I sill love you! I cant wait to see you in Colorado. Love, your Raffy

Jacob and Noelle, Your love and laughter make any place our home. Thanks for island hopping with us. Aloha; Love, Mom and Dad

Bowlers win championship

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The Lajes Intramural Bowling League started its first bowling competition in last September, and after 28 weeks of hard fought matches between the two intramural leagues that bowled every Tuesday and Thursday evening, the individual league champions were determined. The roll-off began to determine the Commander's Cup Champions.

The top four teams from each league were in the roll-offs. The single elimination between the top teams resulted in the final match between Tuesday's 65th Civil Engineer Squadron #2 team and Thursday's 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron Team #2.

The rules state, total pins with handicap, three-game series, between the five-member teams. Handicap and all other rules were the same as league rules.

At the end of the first game, CES had a six-pin advantage.

LRS responded by winning the second match by nine pins, putting the readiness folks up by only three pins for the final match.

In the final match, CES prevailed with a 90 pin difference winning 1051 to 961, becoming the Commander's Points Champions of the 2004/05 Lajes Intramural Bowling leagues.

Other commander's cup points will be earned based on their roll-off matches.

CES was also the Tuesday Intramural league champions, and the 65th Air Base Wing team Thursday league champions.

At the conclusion of the roll-off, election of officers was conducted for the 2005/06 season, and all of the cash awards from their prize funds were distributed to both leagues.

Officers for next year are: President Len Durick; Vice-President Senior Master Sgt. Steve Thomas; Secretary/Treasurer Jon Kristof.

Leagues will form up again after labor day weekend.

Sports briefs

Chase Fitness Center

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5 a.m.-2 a.m. Mon. - Fri.

8 a.m.-7 p.m. Sat. & Sun.

8 a.m.-2 a.m. down days & holidays

Fitness annex (skating rink)

6-8:30 a.m. & 4-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. squadron/unit use only

8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. & 5-9 p.m. Mon.-Fri. general use

8 a.m.-7 p.m. Sat., down days & holidays

Exercise classes

Lajes exercise classes restructured:

Mon. - Step w/ Val, 8:30 a.m.; Spin w/ Val, noon*; Cardio w/ Val, 4 p.m.; Step w/ Val, 5:15 p.m.; Spin w/ Célia, 5:15 p.m.*

Tues. - Spin w/ Dawn, 6 a.m.*; Circuit training w/ Val, 8:30 a.m.; Cardio kick w/ Val, 5:15 p.m.; Spin w/ Val 6:30 p.m.*

Wed. - Step w/ Val, 8:30 a.m.; Step w/ Val, 5:15 p.m.; Spin w/ Célia, 5:15 p.m.*; Body-Sculpt w/ Val, 6:20 p.m.; Yoga w/ Val, 7:30 p.m.

Thurs. - Spin w/ Dawn, 6 a.m.*; Circuit training w/ Célia, 8:30 a.m.; Cardio kick w/ Val, 5:15 p.m.; Spin w/ Val 6:30 p.m.*

Fri. - Step w/ Val, 8:30 a.m.; Spin w/ Val, noon*; Cardio w/ Célia, 4 p.m.; Spin w/ Célia, 5:15 p.m.*

Sat. - Yoga w/ Val, 9 a.m.; Circuit Training w/ Célia, 9:15 a.m.*; Spin w/Val, 10:15 a.m.*

* **Classes held at the skating rink**

Physical training uniform wear guidance

LOOK SHARP!

The chief of staff of the Air Force has approved policy for wear of the official physical training uniform. The intent of the policy is for wear of the PT uniform at all organized PT functions. Mandatory wear date will be established at a later date.

Any combination of PT uniform items may be worn together such as jacket with t-shirt and shorts or t-shirt with shorts and or pants. The PT uniform items will not be worn with any civilian clothing.

T-shirt: Must be worn tucked into shorts.

May wear short or long sleeve style AF shirt.

Warm-up suit: Jacket, when worn, will be at least half zipped.

Hood will be stored and zipped when not worn.

Pants, when worn, will be zipped at legs.

PT shorts: Navy blue or black spandex shorts and leggings may be worn under PT shorts (full length leggings may be worn during cold weather periods).

Socks/shoes: White socks will be worn — ankle or calf length.

Small conservative trademark logos may be worn on socks.

Shoes must be a conservative color such as white, black or dark blue.

Hats: Are not required when performing PT activities; however, if worn, MAJCOM commanders or AF component commanders will standardize style and wear policy.

Saluting: Not required when performing PT activities.

Required when meeting individuals displaying appropriate rank and not performing PT activities, regardless of uniform type.

Hair: Must be neat and not allowed to hang loose below the collar; it will be tied back.

Reflective belts: Requirement for the wear of a reflective belt will be at the discretion of the installation commander.

Jewelry: Jewelry wear will follow normal

uniform wear rules; keep safety in mind.

Body art standards apply (refer to 36-2903).

Funding: effective Oct. 1, 2004, enlisted personnel started receiving an initial increase in their annual clothing replacement allowance to cover the cost of one running suit and two sets of shirt and shorts. Starting Oct. 1, 2005, the replacement allowance will be based on the established wear life of the uniform, yet to be determined. Officers will be required to purchase uniform at their own expense.

Mandatory wear date will be determined once sufficient supplies are available.

Uniforms will be available for purchase in military clothing sales store; the first shipments have been directed/ shipped to the AOR to support AEF 1/2 and AEF 3/4. Once the AOR locations are stocked, future shipments will be directed to home station stores synchronized with the AEF rotation schedule.

Questions should be addressed to local/MAJCOM point of contacts.

Chapel services

